

STATEMENT

The following statement of the status and support for all changes to the claims in this reissue application is provided to comply with 37 CFR 1.173(c) and to facilitate the Examiner's consideration of this reissue application.

Claims 2 to 10 were issued in the original patent, and remain pending in this reissue application. Claim 1 has been amended, and new dependent claims 11 - 13 have been added to this reissue application by the foregoing amendment. Support for the amendment of claim 1 can be found, among other places, at Col. 1, lines 60-61 in the specification of the original patent. Support for new claims 11 - 13 can be found, among other places, at Col. 3, lines 29-31 and 44-47 in the specification of the original patent. The form of the amendments corresponds to that set forth in 37 CFR 1.173(d) as opposed to the new format used for utility applications. Thus, claims 1 to 13 are currently pending.

In light of these amendments and the accompanying Statement, prompt and favorable examination of this reissue application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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